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1. The Uruguayan Government has set up a special police staff for the presidents' meeting. The staff will be empowered to take all steps necessary to ensure effective control and coordination of security measures for the protection of the presidents and the conference site. Effective liaison is to be established between the police and the Punta del Este area army command, with the police having primary responsibility within the conference area.

2. Two crack Montevideo police units will probably be assigned to Punta del Este--the Metropolitan Guard, an excellent 600-man riot control unit, and the Republican Guard, a 200-man unit capable of putting 100 mounted, trained riot-control troops on the streets within 15 minutes. The mere appearance of the latter on the scene is usually sufficient to maintain order.

3. To counteract Communist propaganda criticizing the FBI and CIA and security measures taken at American behest, the Uruguayan police plan a public relations effort to inform the population of the necessity for security precautions.

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